REMARKS

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-16 have been canceled. Claim 17 has been amended by way of restriction to ensure that it is clearly distinguished from the prior art, in particular the Marcellin reference included in the Information Disclosure Statement which accompanies this Reply. It is requested that the examiner confirm that the claimed subject is patentable over Marcellin. Claim 17 has also been amended to remove the requirement that the container should be made of metal. Claims 18-27 have been amended for consistency with amended claim 17. Claims 28-33 are new claims which are dependent directly or indirectly on claim 17, and which recite features in the canceled claims. Claim 34 is a new claim which is directed to a method for making the container defined in claim 17. Claims 35 and 36 are dependent on claim 34. Basis for claims 34-36 is in paragraph 0059 on page 19, and in paragraph 0063 on page 21, of the substitute specification.

Response to Restriction Requirement.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group VII (claim 17-27). This election is with traverse to the extent that the Examiner contends any of the claims presented herein should not be examined.

It is submitted that claims 34-36 can properly be prosecuted in this application, with claims 17-33, since claims 17 and 34 fall into category (1) of 37 CFR 1.475 (b), namely "a product and a process specially adapted for the manufacture of said product", and thus should be considered to have unity of invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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